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Dear General Christiansen:

I enclose herewith a memorandum classified secret, giving certain security data which you had requested from Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security.

As I mentioned to you, it has been determined not to be in the national interest for the Civil Service Commission to publish data of this nature with respect to the CIA in their periodic reports. Accordingly, and for the further reasons which I mentioned to you, I am transmitting this information on the understanding that it will be for the confidential information of yourself, Colonel Lane, Mr. Miller and Mr. McGruder, and of course for the members of the Task Force, but that it would not be included in any report which might be made public, or which had a lower classification than secret.

It is my understanding of our conversation that you are in agreement with the foregoing.

Faithfully yours,



Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Miller, Colonel Lane and Mr. McGruder

SUBJECT: Security Office Data

1. Attached are statistics which your Committee requested covering the period 1947 to 1954, inclusive. The statistics refer only to employee cases and not to applicants who were disapproved initially for Agency employment. Other narrative material relating to our processing of cases is attached in compliance with your request.

2. Tab "A" sets forth the number of cases heard before Agency boards. Since 1947, the cases of 101 persons have been presented to either an Employment Review Board, operating under the provisions of Public Law 253, a Loyalty Board, functioning under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, or a Security Hearing Board, operating under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. It will be noted that Tab "A" indicates a total number of 104 board actions. This difference is due to the fact that several cases have been heard by more than one board.

3. It is noted that the 62 persons whose cases were heard under Executive Order 9835 were retained by the Agency. By way of clarification, the procedures under which we operated to carry out the provisions of Executive Order 9835 required that an investigation be initiated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on all cases, for example, involving membership in an organization cited by the Attorney General. This caused a large number of cases to be investigated under that Order on a technical basis.

4. An inquiry was made by your Committee as to the number of cases submitted to the Employment Review Board in which the Security Office recommended adverse action and the final decision was in favor of the employee. Tab "A" indicates that in 1947 eight cases came within this category, and that in 1953 two cases were similarly handled. It may be pointed out that in [REDACTED] was transferred to the Central Intelligence Group as a complete unit. Although highly classified information was not involved in this operation at that time, all employees so transferred were investigated

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by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Only 2 of the 8 cases in 1947 involved employees not in the [REDACTED]

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All of these cases have subsequently been under close observation and have not, in my opinion, resulted in a serious security problem. We have not felt it necessary to take further action toward dismissal in those cases; however, the case of one employee is presently pending under the procedures of Executive Order 10450. This employee has been and will remain in relatively non-sensitive duties until final disposition is made under the provisions of the Executive Order.

5. Tab "A" further indicates that in 1953 two employees were retained after a Board hearing in which case dismissal was recommended. It may be pointed out that in one instance the individual remained with the Agency for only a very short period of time after the Board hearing and that in the other case additional information was developed during the Board hearing, which warranted final action to retain the person in our employment.

6. Tab "B" sets forth a breakdown of 42 cases in which the individuals left the Agency as a result of security action on information relating to loyalty questions. It may be pointed out that none of these cases involved an individual who was engaged in espionage, maintained active membership in the Communist Party, or disclosed classified information to unauthorized persons. It was felt in each of these cases, however, that the information developed by us was of such a nature that the continued employment of the individual represented a greater security risk than the Agency should assume on a continuing basis.

7. Tab "C" indicates that 204 persons have left CIA as the result of security action on information relating to sexual perversion. This figure includes persons who had been detailed to CIA from other agencies. It may be pointed out that the number of persons leaving the Agency for this reason has a close correlation with the number of employees polygraphed in our "polygraph clean-up" program. This program has now been completed to the point where all but four domestic staff employees have been polygraphed. Under our present procedures, those persons serving overseas and not previously polygraphed will receive such an examination upon their return from overseas assignments.

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8. Tab "D" indicates that 46 persons have left the Agency as the result of security action taken in connection with information relating to miscellaneous security questions. The various categories into which these cases fall are set forth.

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9. This office has approved for the period 1950 through 1954 approximately [REDACTED] persons for employment, many of whom never entered on duty. During the same period, 2095 persons or approximately [REDACTED] were disapproved for employment as not meeting Agency requirements.

10. Tab "E" sets forth our general processing procedures in connection with applicants for staff employment.

11. Tab "F" is a flow chart, showing the processing steps in connection with applicant cases for staff employment.

12. In response to your request for a compilation of production reports for the Clearance Branch during the past 6 months, Tab "G" has been prepared and is attached hereto.

13. It is my firm belief that, as a result of our security procedures over the years, CIA is as secure an organization as current developments in the field of security can produce. Our criteria for employment from a security standpoint have not materially changed since the beginning of the Agency in 1947. Coupled with our sincere attempts to effect the utmost security in the Agency, we have also given every consideration of fairness to the individual applicant and employee. There has been set forth herein information which, for the benefit of the continued effective operation of the Agency, has not been disseminated, even within CIA. To do so, it has been felt, would have an adverse effect. In complete cooperation with your Committee, it has been my policy and my instructions to the staff members of the Security Office to extend every cooperation and in no way withhold information from your staff. It is, however, requested that the information contained in this memorandum be treated with the utmost discretion and caution.

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Sheffield Edwards  
Director of Security

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NUMBER OF PERSONS LEAVING THE AGENCY AS A RESULT OF  
SECURITY ACTION ON INFORMATION RELATING TO SEXUAL PERVERSION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
1947	3
1948	3
1949	7
1950	28
1951	30
1952	49
1953	52
1954	<u>32</u>
	*204

\*Includes persons under military  
assignment to the Agency.

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NUMBER OF PERSONS LEAVING THE AGENCY AS A RESULT OF SECURITY ACTION  
ON INFORMATION RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS SECURITY QUESTIONS

	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Gross Immorality	2		1				3	4	10
2. Association with Discharged Security Risk							1		1
3. Association with Foreign Persons or Groups						2	4	1	7
4. Excessive Drinking	1					1	1		3
5. Security Violations and Indiscretions						1	3	1	5
6. Mishandling of Funds or Property			1				1		2
7. Generally Low Character	1					1			2
8. Arrest or Criminal Record	1						3	2	6
9. Questionable Conduct While Employed						2	3		5
10. Other					2 <sup>(1)</sup>		1 <sup>(1)</sup>	2 <sup>(1)</sup>	5
	<u>5</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>46</u>

- (1) Notes: 1. Involvement in Stolen Goods Ring  
2. Involvement in Pornographic Photograph Matter  
3. Psychotic  
4. Drug Addiction  
5. Conduct of Wife

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